

BANK OF NEW ZEALAND PERFIN (B.N.Z)

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*In Bulletin 278 a listing of the Bank of New Zealand perfin stamps prepared by Barry Pawson was published. In the April 2007 and January 2008 issues of the **South Pacific Perfin Bulletin** further information was published on these dies. This article has been compiled from these articles.*

A small number of stamps with the B.N.Z die are found with the pattern inverted (position 3), reversed (position 5) or inverted reversed (position 7). The list below details the stamps that have been found to date.

Inverted (position 3)

1883	QV high values	10/-
1887	QV Jubilee issues	2d
1912-22	KGV	5d
1937	KGVI	1½d

Reversed (position 5)

1935/36	KGV	3d Violet, 1/- Brown
1935	Silver Jubilee	1½d Brown, 2½d Blue
1936	KEVIII	½d Green
1937	KGVI	½d Green, 1d Red, 1½d Red-Brown, 2d Orange, 2½d Ultramarine, 3d Violet, 6d Purple
1940	Postage Stamp Centenary	2d Orange

Sideways with the top of the pattern to the right (position 4)

1902	KEVII	2/6d Purple
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Inverted reversed (position 7)

1937	KGVI	½d Green, 1d Red, 1½d Red-Brown 6d Purple
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With the exception of the KEVII 2/6d, the two Queen Victoria and the 5d KGV the inverted and inverted reversed copies are all from the period 1935-1940. As perforating stamps was usually done by a junior member of staff it is likely that the operator of the puncturing machine changed quite often. Possibly a new operator started in 1935 and the practice of perforating remained similarly inconsistent for the remainder of the perforators use. This is a good example illustrating the influence of the operator on what we collect.